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SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND-SAN JOSE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: MAY 2000 GROCERY PRICES AND SHELTER COSTS RISE, ENERGY COSTS DOWN

Grocery prices in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area gained 0.3 percent in May. Grocery prices are measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) food at home expenditure category. During the past year, grocery prices have increased 2.3 percent. Regional Commissioner Stanley P. Stephenson of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics said the food at home index now stands at 178.7. This means grocery shoppers in the greater Bay Area need to spend \$178.70 today for a basket of food items that cost \$100.00 in 1982-84. Local area prices are not seasonally adjusted.

The special aggregate index for energy moved down 1.8 percent in May, but measured 7.8 percent higher than a year ago. With the greatest impact on energy, gasoline prices dropped 5.0 percent in May, a decrease not matched since June 1999 (-7.0 percent.) In the last 12 months, gasoline prices have increased 10.6 percent. Also in energy, but having a small offsetting effect, household fuels costs advanced 3.5 percent since April and measure 4.1 percent higher than a year ago.

Shelter costs increased 0.3 percent during May, and for the last 12 months are up 6.6 percent. Rent of primary residence rose 0.6 percent and owners' equivalent rent of primary residence increased 0.2 percent during the past month.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Mar. 2000	Apr. 2000	May 2000	May 1999	Mar. 2000	Apr. 2000
Expenditure category						
All items	-	178.6	-	-	-	-
All items (1967=100)	-	549.2	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	-	173.3	-	-	-	-
Food	-	174.0	-	-	-	-
Food at home	179.6	178.1	178.7	2.3	-0.5	0.3
Food away from home	-	170.0	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	-	168.4	-	-	-	-
Housing	-	194.3	-	-	-	-
Shelter	217.7	218.8	219.4	6.6	.8	.3
Rent of primary residence (1).....	223.1	224.2	225.6	6.8	1.1	.6
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (1) (2)	233.0	233.5	233.9	4.7	.4	.2
Fuels and utilities	-	148.0	-	-	-	-
Fuels	142.7	144.3	149.4	4.1	4.7	3.5
Gas (piped) and electricity (1).....	141.7	143.5	148.8	3.9	5.0	3.7
Electricity (1).....	158.0	158.0	158.8	-.1	.5	.5
Utility natural gas service (1).....	127.4	132.8	146.5	12.4	15.0	10.3
Household furnishings and operations	-	130.5	-	-	-	-
Apparel	-	117.1	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	143.6	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	-	136.4	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	142.6	145.1	137.7	10.5	-3.4	-5.1
Gasoline (all types)	141.0	143.4	136.2	10.6	-3.4	-5.0
Gasoline, unleaded regular (3).....	139.7	141.7	134.2	10.8	-3.9	-5.3
Gasoline, unleaded midgrade (3) (4).....	133.3	136.8	129.5	11.0	-2.9	-5.3
Gasoline, unleaded premium (3).....	137.7	140.2	134.2	9.4	-2.5	-4.3
Medical care	-	237.6	-	-	-	-
Recreation (5).....	-	94.6	-	-	-	-
Education and communication (5).....	-	105.6	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	-	289.2	-	-	-	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods-Continued

San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Mar. 2000	Apr. 2000	May 2000	May 1999	Mar. 2000	Apr. 2000
Commodity and service group						
All items	-	178.6	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	150.0	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	-	133.8	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	-	144.8	-	-	-	-
Durables	-	118.8	-	-	-	-
Services	-	202.5	-	-	-	-
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	-	175.8	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	-	163.5	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	-	135.9	-	-	-	-
Nondurables	-	160.3	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food	-	147.0	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter (2)	-	191.7	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	-	200.1	-	-	-	-
Energy	142.3	144.5	141.9	7.8	-0.3	-1.8
All items less energy	-	183.1	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	-	185.2	-	-	-	-

1 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

2 Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

3 Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

4 Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

5 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.